

## Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT.

Washington, D. C.,

April 11

1888.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Superintendent U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

Sir:

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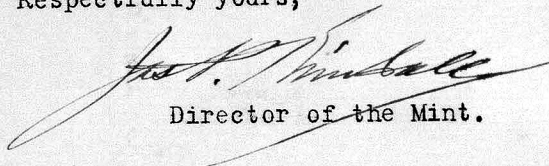
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This coinage should be executed immediately, before the

passage of the bills through the Senate.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jos. H. Minshull". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Director of the Mint.

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Washington, D.C.  
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James P. Kimball,  
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for, also 10,000. 3 & 4 pieces,  
<sup>to</sup> prevent speculation.



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